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## **Urban and Community Forestry and Community Transportation Enhancement grants available to Idaho communities**

(Coeur d'Alene...July 1). Communities throughout the state may apply for Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) and Community Transportation Enhancement (CTE) grants made available through the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Urban and Community Forestry Program.

According to David Stephenson, Community Forestry Coordinator for IDL, "The purpose of the UCF program is to educate, stimulate interest in, and assist with the development of effective and sustainable community forestry programs in communities throughout Idaho. The CTE program is designed to provide federal transportation funds to Idaho communities for the purpose of enhancing transportation corridors through tree and shrub planting."

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## Community Forestry Grants

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Funds are available to all Idaho communities having an interest in developing a local Community Forestry program. To be eligible for consideration, a project must be located on public land (federal, state or local government owned).

Under the UCF program, communities may receive a maximum of \$4,000 for program development projects, and/or \$1,500 for tree planting projects and/or initial, one-time, high-risk tree removal or pruning of established trees on public property. Communities may also receive up to \$15,000 from the CTE Grant Program for community entry-way plantings, landscaping around community welcome signs, street tree plantings and downtown plantings, and plantings to screen unsightly areas or screen and protect recreational areas. Other suitable projects will also be considered. Communities receiving a grant from the CTE program must provide matching funds amounting to at least 10 percent of the grant amount.

Communities desiring training in the grant application process may participate in free Grant Training Workshops being conducted by the Idaho Department of Lands at various locations around the state on August 3, 2004. Applications for the grants will be made available on August 3th, and will be accepted through September 17, 2004.

For complete information on the grants and/or the training workshops, contact David Stephenson @ 208-666-8621 or 800-432-4648/ [communitytrees@idl.state.id.us](mailto:communitytrees@idl.state.id.us) or visit the IDL website at: <http://www2.state.id.us/lands/> (click on "Community Forestry").